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SUBJECT: MFA RAISES KIRKUK-YUMARTALIK PIPELINE AGAIN

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Classified by Econ Couns Scot Marciel, Reason 1.5 (b,d)

[1](#)1. (U) This cable contains an action request. See para 3.

[1](#)2. (C) MFA Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Affairs Alev Kilic and Director General For Energy Hakki Akil told Econ Couns May 15 that, as the MFA had told us previously (reftel), the lack of oil flow in the Kirkuk-Yumurtalik pipeline was having a corrosive affect on the pipe and the storage tanks at Ceyhan. Econ Couns emphasized that the quickest way to get Iraqi oil flowing again was passage of the U.N. sanctions lift resolution, and again urged full Turkish support of that resolution. Kilic and Akil responded that the corrosive affect was increasingly daily and this could not wait "two to three weeks."

[1](#)3. (C) Action request: We cannot confirm that the corrosive impact is significant and increasingly daily, as the MFA claims. Post would appreciate any guidance Department could provide to the MFA's inquiry on this issue, and on the technical aspects of the MFA's claim.
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